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### Education

Kansas State University	B.A., English	2003
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	M.A., Communication Studies	2013
	Thesis: <i>Transformative Engagement in Deliberative Democracies: Exploring a Framework for Engagement Using a Creative, Braided Approach</i>	
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Ph.D., Communication Studies	Expected 2017
	Research Focus: <i>Civic &amp; public engagement, research design &amp; methodology, nonprofit organizing, public policy &amp; science, and communication</i>	

### Professional Experience

2006 - Present	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, Lincoln, NE
	2014 – Present: Research Specialist
	2011 – 2014: Research Coordinator
	2006 – 2011: Project Assistant
2006 - 2012	Freelance Designer, Editor, & Writer
2004 - 2006	Project Administrator, Emerson Process Management, St. Louis, MO
2001 - 2004	Office Assistant, Division of Continuing Education PIO, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Research Specialist, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, August 2006 – Present

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- Coordinate and manage multiple projects at local, state, and federal levels through strategic planning, communications, training, project management, research design, and facilitation.
- Facilitate strategic planning, stakeholder and public engagement, focus groups, training sessions, and meetings for multiple projects to gain qualitative research and stakeholder input in order to make recommendations to policy makers and stakeholders.
- Secured over \$190,000 in independent contracts in 2012-2013.
- Developed and manage School Safety & Security Initiative in a 22-county region to build school and first responder relationships, develop all-hazards plans, and provide training and planning in over 50 school systems.
- Led the 2012 - 2014 Statewide Training, Exercise, & Planning Workshop for 18 regional and state agencies, and wrote the annual report on behalf of the State for submission to federal and regional authorities.
- Designed curriculum for public speaking and public meetings for technical professionals at the Department of Natural Resources.

Project Administrator, Emerson Process Management, 2004 - 2006

- Managed budgets and data for multiple projects for accounts receivable, time management, and reporting.
- Revised the Quality Manual for FABCON, a Division of Emerson Process Management.
- Coordinated the International Lean Manufacturing Committee to increase efficiency in both the shop and offices of FABCON and Emerson Process Management.

Office Assistant, Public Information Office, Division of Continuing Education, Kansas State University, 2001 - 2004

- Wrote news releases, award nominations, and promotional material for Division of Continuing Education (DCE) events and conferences.
- Designed and developed promotional materials for DCE events and projects including brochures, advertisements, flyers, reports, certificates, and websites.

## Conference Presentations & Publications

**Walther, J.C.** (2016). *Engaging publics with science: The facts behind the story*. Paper to be presented at the SciCOMM conference in Lincoln, NE.

**Walther, J.C.** (2016). Engaging jurors with technical information: Building trust and cognition without overload. *American Bar Association Expert Witness Newsletter*, 11:2.

**Walther, J.C.** (2016). Technically Speaking: Sharing complex information with juries. *American Bar Association Expert Witness Newsletter*, 11:1.

**Walther, J.C.**, & PytlikZillig, L.M. (2015, November). *City and academic collaboration: Fostering opportunities for public and research based decision-making*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Hutchens, M.J., PytlikZillig, L.M., Muhlberger, P., Tomkins, A.J., Anderson, R.P., **Walther, J.C.**, & Gonzalez, F.J. (2014, May). Message or process? Learning about nanotechnology through engaged deliberation. Paper presented at International Communication Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

PytlikZillig, L., Anderson, R., Phear, N., & **Walther, J.C.** (2013, May). *Using creative non-fiction to communicate about climate change*. Poster presented at the Water for Food Conference, Lincoln, NE.

Krone, K.J., Ewalt, J., Utah, C.I., & **Walther, J.C.** (2013, November). *Organizing on behalf of refugee resettlement: Re-thinking inter-organizational collaboration and conflict as organizing struggle*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Garner, J., Kramer, M., Meisenbach, R.J., Mize Smith, J., Nichols, Z., & **Walther, J.C.** (2013, November). *Connections through current theoretical approaches and interdisciplinary perspectives of volunteer research*. Panel presented at the National Communication Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

## Teaching at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Instructor: COMM286: Business and Professional Communication (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

Guest Lecturer: NRES 475: Water Quality Strategy (Spring 2016)

Guest Lecturer: Civic Engagement Certificate Lecture Series (Fall 2015)

Guest Lecturer: POLS400: Democracy & Citizenship (Fall 2015)

Guest Lecturer: COMM 210: Communication in Small Groups (Summer 2014)

## UNL Communication Studies Departmental Service

Awards & Honors Committee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Dept. of Communication Studies, 2015-16

## Memberships & Honors

President, Junior League of Lincoln, 2015-2016

Fellow, Leadership Lincoln, Class XXX, 2014 -2015

Member, International Communication Association, 2014 - Present

Member, Lincoln Young Professionals Group, 2013 - 2014

Board of Directors, Junior League of Lincoln, 2013 - Present

Member, Central States Communication Association, 2013 - Present

Member, National Communication Association, 2012 - Present

Speaker, Alumni Connections 2009, Kansas State University, 2009

Volunteer, American Red Cross, Cornhusker Chapter, 2008 - 2010

Member, Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Fraternity, 2000 - 2003

Member, Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Fraternity, 1999 – 2003

## Other Skills

- Proficient in Adobe InDesign, SPSS, Adobe Connect, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey, Constant Contact, SquareSpace, and Quickbooks.